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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA AS OF 0600 (EST) 2/19/75

HEREWITH PORTION OF ETHIOPIA TASK FORCE SIT REP NO. 34.

QUOTE: THE COORDINATED INSURGENT ATTACK ON A NUMBER OF ETHIOPIAN MILITARY LOCATIONS IN ASMARA ENDED ABOUT MID-NIGHT LOCAL (1600 EST), AND THE PRESS REPORTS CALM IN ASMARA TODAY. THE FIGHTING, WHICH LASTED OVER THREE HOURS, WAS DESCRIBED BY USG AND PRESS OBSERVERS AS THE HEAVIEST SINCE JANUARY 31. USG INSTALLATIONS WERE IN THE CENTER OF THE STRUGGLE AND SUFFERED SOME DAMAGES. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF ANY AMERICAN CASUALTIES. NEWS DESPATCHES SPECULATE THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FORCES MOUNTED THE ATTACK IN RESPONSE TO PRO-GOVERNMENT RALLIES IN ADDIS ABABA. UNQUOTE. MAW

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